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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

DECEMBER, 1984

NORTH CAROLINA

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO FALL: In mid-December of 1984, total employment in the State was estimated to be 2,812,400. That was a net monthly decline of 12,000 workers (-0.4 percent). Two of the three principal employment categories sustained over-the-month losses: nonagricultural wage and salary employment (-3,900) and agricultural employment (-8,200). The "all other" nonagricultural employment sector stayed the same at 289,300.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's manufacturing employment was estimated to be 804,500 in mid-December of last year, a net monthly drop of 2,300 people (-0.3 percent). The durable goods sector, however enjoyed a noticeable net over-the-month gain of 800 workers (+0.2 percent), due mainly to the addition of 900 persons (+1.7 percent) in nonelectrical machinery. The nondurable goods sector suffered a net over-the-month decrease of 3,100 people (-0.6 percent) with significant losses occurring in the textile mill products (-1,700) and in the apparel and related products (-1,100) industries.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT EDGES FORWARD: In the middle of December, 1984, the State's nonmanufacturing employment was estimated to be 1,720,000. That was a very slight net over-the-month rise of 300 workers. The gains and losses just about offset one another. Here are the respective leaders: trade (+6,500), government (-3,500), and service and miscellaneous (-1,800).

MANUFACTURING FALLS AND NONMANUFACTURING RISES SINCE LAST YEAR: Statewide manufacturing employment fell by 3,900 persons (-0.5 percent) from December, 1983, to December, 1984. Even with that measurable decline, a number of the industry groups experienced positive movement; namely, electrical machinery (+4,300), rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+3,100), nonelectrical machinery (+2,800), and food and kindred products (+1,600). North Carolina's nonmanufacturing in December, 1984, was well ahead of a year ago (+52,600 or 3.2 percent) as six of the seven industry groups recorded good growth. The four largest were trade (+19,800), service and miscellaneous (+11,900), government (+10,700), and construction (+6,800).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT UP OVER THE MONTH: During the mid-week of December, 1984, total unemployment in the State was estimated to be 216,800. That figure represented a net monthly increase of 4,300 persons (+2.0 percent). As a result, North Carolina's unadjusted rate of unemployment climbed from 7.0 percent in November, 1984, to 7.2 percent in December, 1984. In December, 1983, there were 200,500 jobless people and the rate was 6.8 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.0 percent in December, 1984, 6.9 percent in November, 1984, and 8.0 percent in December, 1983. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 7.2 percent in December and November, 1984, and 8.2 percent in December of 1983.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

December, 1984

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				Nov., 1984		Dec., 1983	
	Dec. 2/ 1984	Nov. 3/ 1984	Dec. 1983	Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	3,029,200	3,036,900	2,935,500	- 7,700	- 0.3	+93,700	+3.2
Employment, Total	2,812,400	2,824,400	2,735,000	-12,000	- 0.4	+77,400	+2.8
Agricultural Employment	39,800	48,000	42,800	- 8,200	-17.1	- 3,000	-7.0
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,483,300	2,487,100	2,393,400	- 3,900	- 0.2	+89,900	+3.8
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	289,300	289,300	298,800	0	0	- 9,500	-3.2
Unemployment, Total	216,800	212,500	200,500	+ 4,300	+ 2.0	+16,300	+8.1
State Unadjusted Rate	7.2	7.0	6.8	+ 0.2	XXX	+ 0.4	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	6.9	8.0	+ 0.1	XXX	- 1.0	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.2	7.2	8.2	0	XXX	- 1.0	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1983 benchmark revisions. Compiled by Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Preliminary Estimates.
3/ Revised Estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS RISE: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers inched forward by 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to $7.16 from mid-November to mid-December of 1984, reflecting a net yearly increase of 33¢ an hour (+4.8 percent). The durable goods sector enjoyed a more impressive net monthly gain of 10¢ an hour (+1.4 percent) to rise to $7.40 in December of last year. Since December of 1983, the durable goods segment has advanced by 30¢ an hour (+4.2 percent). Electrical machinery led the way in durable goods with a net monthly increase of 28¢ an hour (+3.3 percent) to reach $8.65 in December, 1984. Primary metals was right behind with a net over-the-month jump of 27¢ an hour (+3.3 percent) to hit $8.38. The nondurable goods sector sustained a small net over-the-month loss of 4¢ an hour (-0.6 percent) to fall to $7.00 in December of 1984. Over the year, however, the nondurable goods segment added 33¢ an hour (+4.9 percent). The nondurable goods industry that experienced the largest net over-the-month increase was food and kindred products, up by 11¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to $6.55. That was followed by rubber and miscellaneous plastic products with a net monthly growth of 7¢ an hour (+0.8 percent) for a December, 1984, lead of $9.03. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by $2.55 (+0.9 percent) to $287.12 from the middle of November to the middle of December, 1984. The over-the-year increase amounted to $7.77 (+2.8 percent). In December, 1984, average weekly hours worked were 40.1, a monthly rise of 0.3 of an hour but a yearly loss of 0.8 of an hour.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UP SLIGHTLY IN DECEMBER: According to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers rose to 315.5 in December, 1984. That figure represented a monthly increase of just 0.1 percent and a yearly gain of 4.0 percent. The cost of entertainment rose the most over the month, up by 0.4 percent. Food and beverages and medical care tied for second, each increasing by 0.3 percent. On the other hand, apparel and upkeep experienced a substantial decrease, falling by 1.0 percent, and transportation declined by 0.1 percent from November to December of last year. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $315.50 in December, 1984.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DROPS OVER THE MONTH: There were 157,838 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of December 31, 1984. That figure represents a net monthly decline of 10,148 persons (-6.0 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine segment was by far the largest applicant group by age with 97,625 or 61.8 percent of the total. That was followed by the forty to fifty-four sector which had 28,029 or 17.8 percent. As expected, the fifty-five and over segment had the fewest active applicants with 8,581 or 5.4 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females, numbering 80,941 or 51.3 percent of the total. Moreover, the largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, with 88,110 or 55.8 percent of the total. The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of December 31, 1984.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

December 31, 1984

	Number	Percent
Total	157,838	100.0
AGE		
21 and Under	23,603	15.0
22-39	97,625	61.8
40-54	28,029	17.8
55 and Over	8,581	5.4
SEX		
Male	76,897	48.7
Female	80,941	51.3
ETHNIC GROUP		
White, not Hispanic	88,110	55.8
Black, not Hispanic	66,114	41.9
Hispanic	771	0.5
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,082	1.3
Other Races and Undetermined	761	0.5
ELIGIBLE CLAIMANT	67,132	42.5
VETERAN	31,797	20.1
HANDICAPPED	10,735	6.8
WELFARE	24,655	15.6
SEASONAL FARMWORKER	1,366	0.9

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS DECREASES IN DECEMBER: There were 12,090 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during December of 1984. The number of job openings represented a net over-the-month drop of 3,883 (-24.3 percent). Most of those job openings were filled (9,745 or 80.6 percent). Once again the service category was the occupational group with the largest number of job openings received with 2,123. A good percentage of those was filled (73.0 percent or 1,549). Structural works followed with 1,971 job openings received and

1,589 or 80.6 percent filled. Next came the miscellaneous category which had Job openings numbering 1,836 received in December of 1984 with 1,617 or 88.1 percent filled. For the second consecutive month, the occupational group with the fewest job openings received was processing with just 443; however, all of them were filled. From July 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984, there were 146,420 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. The vast majority of those job openings was filled (119,107 or 81.3 percent). As of December 31, 1984, there were 12,575 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. A high percentage (71.3 percent or 8,965) of those job openings had remained open for thirty days or more and, therefore, had been classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for December, 1984, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984).

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	December, 1984		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Dec. 31, 1984	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days Or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	614	241	5,307	2,355	1,453	1,074
Clerical	1,700	1,087	14,729	9,747	1,841	1,143
Sales	649	484	4,603	2,744	693	487
Service	2,123	1,549	20,889	15,805	2,213	1,453
Domestic	204	181	1,637	1,394	84	60
Other Services	1,919	1,368	19,252	14,411	2,129	1,393
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	962	1,074	39,034	38,289	150	93
Processing	443	475	5,902	5,577	443	367
Machine Trades	720	550	8,904	6,672	1,081	800
Bench Work	1,072	1,079	11,593	10,061	1,335	1,128
Structural Work	1,971	1,589	17,844	13,341	2,014	1,505
Miscellaneous	1,836	1,617	17,615	14,516	1,352	915
Motor Freight and Trans.	460	379	3,278	2,131	382	261
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	1,329	1,205	13,916	12,124	911	617
Other	47	33	421	261	59	37
TOTAL	12,090	9,745	146,420	119,107	12,575	8,965

1/ July 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984.

RELEASE OF JANUARY LABOR FORCE DATA: Effective with data for January, 1985, labor force estimates for North Carolina will be derived directly from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS, which is conducted by the U. S. Bureau of the Census for the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, is a household survey which generates monthly labor force data for the nation and the largest states. With the inclusion of North Carolina next month, the CPS will provide monthly estimates for 11 states.

Due to the significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates for North Carolina, data beginning in January, 1985, will not be comparable with previously published series.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1984 (Thous)	November 1984 (Thous)	December 1983 (Thous)	November 1984	December 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2524.5	2526.5	2475.8	- 0.1	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	804.5	806.8	808.4	- 0.3	- 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	321.7	320.9	311.2	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.0	35.2	35.5	- 0.6	- 1.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.2	13.2	- 0.8	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.5	8.6	0	- 1.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	- 7.7
Furniture & Fixtures	82.6	82.8	82.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Household Furniture	72.9	73.1	73.6	- 0.3	- 1.0
Wood Household Furniture	36.3	36.9	37.4	- 1.6	- 2.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.5	31.3	31.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.6	18.8	18.1	- 1.1	+ 2.8
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 8.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	4.8	0	+ 4.2
Primary Metal Industries	10.8	10.8	9.7	0	+11.3
Fabricated Metal Products	25.1	25.0	24.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.6
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.5	8.2	- 1.2	+ 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.9	54.0	52.1	+ 1.7	+ 5.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.8	7.9	8.0	- 1.3	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.7	60.6	56.4	+ 0.2	+ 7.6
Household Appliances	6.1	6.1	5.8	0	+ 5.2
Transportation Equipment	19.1	19.0	18.3	+ 0.5	+ 4.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.7	14.7	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	482.8	485.9	497.2	- 0.6	- 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	45.0	44.8	43.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Meat Products	18.1	18.1	16.9	0	+ 7.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 1.2
Beverages	6.5	6.4	6.6	+ 1.6	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.1	24.6	23.0	- 2.0	+ 4.8
Cigarettes	18.8	18.7	18.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.6	5.2	3.9	-11.5	+17.9
Textile Mill Products	210.8	212.5	227.6	- 0.8	- 7.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	57.6	58.5	63.8	- 1.5	- 9.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	29.4	29.8	34.2	- 1.3	-14.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.0	28.5	29.4	- 1.8	- 4.8
Knitting Mills	74.9	75.4	80.8	- 0.7	- 7.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.4	22.2	24.0	+ 0.9	- 6.7
Hosiery, NEC	21.3	21.7	22.5	- 1.8	- 5.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.6	15.3	- 1.5	-12.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.0	6.9	7.1	+ 1.4	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.2	14.6	0	- 2.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.4	51.8	55.3	- 0.8	- 7.1

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1984

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1984 (Thous)	November 1984 (Thous)	December 1983 (Thous)	November 1984	December 1983
Apparel & Other Textile Products	85.2	86.3	87.4	- 1.3	- 2.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	26.0	26.8	27.3	- 3.0	- 4.8
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	40.2	40.4	41.6	- 0.5	- 3.4
Paper & Allied Products	22.5	22.3	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.8	10.7	10.8	+ 0.9	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Printing & Publishing	24.1	24.1	23.3	0	+ 3.4
Newspapers	9.3	9.3	8.8	0	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.6	36.7	37.7	- 0.3	- 2.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.1	12.9	13.9	+ 1.6	- 5.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.1	30.2	27.0	- 0.3	+11.5
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.4	5.4	0	-18.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1,720.0	1,719.7	1,667.4	+ 0.02	+ 3.2
MINING	4.4	4.6	4.4	- 4.3	0
CONSTRUCTION	126.1	126.7	119.3	- 0.5	+ 5.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	123.4	123.3	121.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	63.5	63.3	61.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.8	54.8	54.9	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	550.0	543.5	530.2	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade	124.3	125.3	121.0	- 0.8	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	75.1	75.3	71.5	- 0.3	+ 5.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	49.2	50.0	49.5	- 1.6	- 0.6
Retail Trade	425.7	418.2	409.2	+ 1.8	+ 4.0
General Merchandise Stores	64.3	61.0	62.3	- 5.4	+ 3.2
Variety Stores	13.0	12.0	13.1	+ 8.3	- 0.8
Food Stores	66.3	65.9	65.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	104.0	104.2	102.1	- 0.2	+ 1.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	377.4	379.2	365.5	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.7	23.2	20.0	- 6.5	+ 8.5
Personal Services	24.9	25.0	23.2	- 0.4	+ 7.3
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.2	10.3	10.0	- 1.0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	434.7	438.2	424.0	- 0.8	+ 2.5
Federal	50.7	50.4	50.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
State	130.8	132.1	126.4	- 1.0	+ 3.9
Education	71.4	72.4	68.7	- 1.4	+ 3.9
Other	59.4	59.7	57.7	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Local	253.2	255.7	247.4	- 1.0	+ 2.3
Education	141.6	141.5	137.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Other	111.6	114.2	109.8	- 2.3	+ 1.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1984

Seasonally Adjusted

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2503.1	2501.4	2454.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
MANUFACTURING	803.8	802.2	807.5	+ 0.2	- 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	320.6	318.8	310.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.1	35.0	35.6	+ 0.3	- 1.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.2	13.2	- 0.8	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.5	8.4	8.2	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	- 7.7
Furniture & Fixtures	81.6	81.8	81.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Household Furniture	72.0	72.4	72.7	- 0.6	- 1.0
Wood Household Furniture	37.3	36.8	38.3	+ 1.4	- 2.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.1	31.1	30.6	0	+ 1.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.6	18.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.4	+ 3.8	+12.5
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.0	5.0	4.8	0	+ 4.2
Primary Metal Industries	10.8	10.8	9.7	0	+11.3
Fabricated Metal Products	24.9	24.7	23.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.4	11.9	8.2	-29.4	+ 2.4
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	54.4	53.9	51.6	+ 0.9	+ 5.4
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.9	7.9	- 2.5	- 2.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.9	60.3	56.6	+ 1.0	+ 7.6
Household Appliances	6.2	5.8	5.9	+ 6.9	+ 5.1
Transportation Equipment	19.3	19.1	18.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.3
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	14.6	14.7	+ 2.1	+ 1.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	483.2	483.4	497.5	- 0.04	- 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	45.0	44.4	43.4	+ 1.4	+ 3.7
Meat Products	18.1	18.0	16.9	+ 0.6	+ 7.1
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 3.8	0
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.5	- 4.0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 1.2
Beverages	6.6	6.5	6.7	+ 1.5	- 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.9	23.1	22.8	+ 3.5	+ 4.8
Cigarettes	18.8	18.6	18.4	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.4	3.5	3.7	+25.7	+18.9
Textile Mill Products	211.0	212.3	227.8	- 0.6	- 7.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	57.5	58.3	63.6	- 1.4	- 9.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	29.3	29.7	34.1	- 1.3	-14.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.1	28.5	29.5	- 1.4	- 4.7
Knitting Mills	75.4	75.6	81.3	- 0.3	- 7.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.3	22.2	23.9	+ 0.5	- 6.7
Hosiery, NEC	21.5	21.7	22.7	- 0.9	- 5.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.6	15.3	- 1.5	-12.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.0	7.2	+ 1.4	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.2	14.1	14.6	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.5	51.7	55.3	- 0.4	- 6.9

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Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	40.5	40.2	41.9	+ 0.7	- 3.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.3	22.2	0	+ 0.5
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.8	10.7	- 0.9	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Printing & Publishing	23.8	24.1	23.0	- 1.2	+ 3.5
Newspapers	9.2	9.3	8.7	- 1.1	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.9	37.0	38.0	- 0.3	- 2.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.1	12.9	13.9	+ 1.6	- 5.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.3	30.2	27.1	+ 0.3	+11.8
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.4	5.4	0	-18.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1699.3	1699.2	1647.2	*	+ 3.2
MINING	4.4	4.6	4.4	- 4.3	0
CONSTRUCTION	125.6	124.6	118.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	122.9	122.9	121.4	0	+ 1.2
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	62.9	62.9	61.3	0	+ 2.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	55.0	55.0	55.0	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	536.0	535.6	516.5	+ 0.1	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade	124.7	124.4	121.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	75.2	75.2	71.5	0	+ 5.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	49.5	49.2	49.8	+ 0.6	- 0.6
Retail Trade	411.3	411.2	395.2	*	+ 4.1
General Merchandise Stores	56.4	58.1	54.6	- 2.9	+ 3.3
Variety Stores	11.7	11.4	11.8	+ 2.6	- 0.8
Food Stores	65.7	65.6	65.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	104.2	104.4	102.3	- 0.2	+ 1.9
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	382.8	381.5	370.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.6	24.0	21.8	- 1.7	+ 8.3
Personal Services	25.1	25.4	23.4	- 1.2	+ 7.3
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.1	10.2	9.9	- 1.0	+ 2.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	423.4	425.6	413.2	- 0.5	+ 2.5
Federal	51.1	50.9	50.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
State	125.6	125.6	121.5	0	+ 3.4
Education	65.4	65.2	63.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Other	60.2	60.4	58.5	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Local	246.7	249.1	241.2	- 1.0	+ 2.3
Education	133.3	133.6	129.6	- 0.2	+ 2.9
Other	113.4	115.5	111.6	- 1.8	+ 1.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

December, 1984

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	December 1984	November 1984	December 1983	November 1984	December 1983
MANUFACTURING	641.3	645.3	649.2	- 0.6	- 1.2
DURABLE GOODS	244.3	244.8	237.5	- 0.2	+ 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	29.8	30.1	30.3	- 1.0	- 1.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.5	7.5	7.5	0	0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	2.9	2.9	3.3	0	- 12.1
Furniture & Fixtures	73.8	73.9	73.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Household Furniture	65.9	66.0	66.5	- 0.2	- 0.9
Wood Household Furniture	33.6	34.2	34.6	- 1.8	- 2.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.4	15.6	14.7	- 1.3	+ 4.8
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 15.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.2	8.1	7.2	+ 1.2	+ 13.9
Fabricated Metal Products	18.8	18.7	17.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.0
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.8	27.1	26.9	- 1.1	- 0.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 1.9	- 5.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.5	44.6	40.8	- 0.2	+ 9.1
Household Appliances	5.4	5.5	5.1	- 1.8	+ 5.9
Transportation Equipment	15.6	15.5	14.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	397.0	400.5	411.7	- 0.9	- 3.6
Food & Kindred Products	30.9	30.9	29.7	0	+ 4.0
Meat Products	15.9	15.9	14.9	0	+ 6.7
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.6	1.7	+ 6.2	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 2.2	0
Beverages	2.4	2.3	2.6	+ 4.3	- 7.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.5	20.1	18.5	- 3.0	+ 5.4
Cigarettes	14.9	15.0	14.8	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.1	4.5	3.2	- 8.9	+ 28.1
Textile Mill Products	187.0	188.9	203.5	- 1.0	- 8.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	52.0	52.9	58.0	- 1.7	- 10.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.6	27.0	31.2	- 1.5	- 14.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	25.3	25.8	26.6	- 1.9	- 4.9
Knitting Mills	65.4	66.0	71.4	- 0.9	- 8.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	19.5	19.4	21.2	+ 0.5	- 8.0
Hosiery, NEC	15.5	19.8	20.6	- 1.5	- 5.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.3	11.5	13.1	- 1.7	- 13.7
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- 3.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	11.9	11.8	12.1	+ 0.8	- 1.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	47.1	47.5	50.9	- 0.8	- 7.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	74.9	75.9	77.1	- 1.3	- 2.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.3	24.1	24.7	- 3.3	- 5.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.6	34.9	35.8	- 0.9	- 3.4
Paper & Allied Products	16.9	16.9	17.1	0	- 1.2
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 1.3
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Printing & Publishing	14.9	14.8	14.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.9
Newspapers	3.6	3.7	3.4	- 2.7	+ 5.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.4	24.4	25.1	0	- 2.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.4	9.2	9.9	+ 2.2	- 5.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.8	24.9	21.8	- 0.4	+ 13.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	4.7	0	- 21.3

1/ Current data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products

Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

December, 1984

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	December 1984	November 1984	December 1983	December 1984	November 1984	December 1983	December 1984	November 1984	December 1983
MANUFACTURING	$ 287.12	$284.57	$279.35	40.1	39.8	40.9	$ 7.16	$ 7.15	$ 6.83
DURABLE GOODS	308.58	300.76	298.20	41.7	41.2	42.0	7.40	7.30	7.10
Lumber & Wood Products	245.81	242.00	240.86	40.9	40.4	41.6	6.01	5.99	5.79
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	247.97	235.35	239.67	42.1	40.3	41.9	5.89	5.84	5.72
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	277.17	275.22	262.01	40.7	39.6	39.4	6.81	6.95	6.65
Furniture & Fixtures	253.04	251.54	248.88	39.6	39.8	40.6	6.39	6.32	6.13
Household Furniture	251.46	250.74	248.47	39.6	39.8	40.6	6.35	6.30	6.12
Wood Household Furniture	237.90	247.25	241.26	39.0	40.6	41.1	6.10	6.09	5.87
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	329.47	327.85	316.17	42.9	42.8	42.1	7.68	7.66	7.51
Structural Clay Products	281.43	283.13	247.94	44.6	45.3	41.6	6.31	6.25	5.96
Primary Metal Industries	382.97	350.35	364.69	45.7	43.2	45.7	8.38	8.11	7.98
Fabricated Metal Products	329.87	330.79	318.93	42.4	42.3	41.8	7.78	7.82	7.63
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	371.80	362.32	357.50	44.0	43.6	44.3	8.45	8.31	8.07
Special Industry Machinery	328.80	309.46	316.63	42.1	40.4	42.5	7.81	7.66	7.45
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	368.49	344.84	351.09	42.6	41.2	42.3	8.65	8.37	8.30
Household Appliances	262.51	269.18	244.84	40.2	40.6	39.3	6.53	6.63	6.23
Transportation Equipment	343.57	348.19	337.55	43.0	43.2	43.0	7.99	8.06	7.85
NONDURABLE GOODS	273.70	273.86	268.80	39.1	38.9	40.3	7.00	7.04	6.67
Food & Kindred Products	262.00	251.16	254.47	40.0	39.0	40.2	6.55	6.44	6.33
Meat Products	205.16	199.82	204.54	37.1	36.2	37.6	5.53	5.52	5.44
Meat Packing	316.81	342.88	380.38	39.9	44.3	45.5	7.94	7.74	8.36
Dairy Products	264.80	268.46	263.08	42.3	43.3	42.5	6.26	6.20	6.19
Grain Mill Products	315.06	295.75	305.33	44.5	42.8	45.1	7.08	6.91	6.77
Bakery Products	297.09	297.09	276.55	42.2	42.2	41.4	7.04	7.04	6.68
Beverages	518.25	484.54	481.68	45.5	45.2	45.7	11.39	10.72	10.54
Tobacco Manufacturers	451.61	503.00	419.60	38.5	39.7	37.7	11.73	12.67	11.13
Cigarettes	521.50	617.87	474.13	37.9	42.7	37.9	13.76	14.47	12.57
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	212.22	149.08	182.29	40.5	30.3	36.9	5.24	4.92	4.94
Textile Mill Products	240.77	239.51	249.08	38.4	38.2	40.7	6.27	6.27	6.12
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	271.07	270.18	270.66	39.4	39.1	40.7	6.88	6.91	6.65
Weaving Mills, Cotton	271.37	266.73	262.94	39.5	38.6	39.6	6.87	6.91	6.64
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	271.47	273.64	280.81	39.4	39.6	42.1	6.89	6.91	6.67
Knitting Mills	217.25	214.91	221.13	37.2	36.8	39.0	5.84	5.84	5.67
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	217.54	211.84	217.06	38.3	37.1	39.9	5.68	5.71	5.44
Hosiery, NEC	204.42	200.99	192.77	35.8	35.2	35.5	5.71	5.71	5.43
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	224.80	235.60	261.88	36.2	38.0	41.9	6.21	6.20	6.25
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	275.14	266.74	278.40	42.2	41.1	43.5	6.52	6.49	6.40
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	265.27	256.07	276.92	41.0	39.7	43.0	6.47	6.45	6.44
Yarn & Thread Mills	224.55	228.00	247.28	37.3	38.0	41.7	6.02	6.00	5.93
Apparel & Other Textile Products	187.50	184.76	184.84	37.5	37.1	37.8	5.00	4.98	4.89
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	185.04	180.22	182.14	36.0	35.2	36.5	5.14	5.12	4.99
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	177.82	175.75	176.53	37.2	37.0	37.4	4.78	4.75	4.72
Paper & Allied Products	465.89	482.18	470.64	43.5	44.4	44.4	10.71	10.86	10.60
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	584.31	614.71	564.32	43.9	45.5	44.4	13.31	13.51	12.71
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	336.16	341.44	345.47	43.6	44.0	45.1	7.71	7.76	7.66
Printing & Publishing	321.17	320.40	289.38	40.5	39.9	39.0	7.93	8.03	7.42
Newspapers	287.55	280.14	272.03	35.5	34.8	35.1	8.10	8.05	7.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	404.55	384.17	361.56	42.9	41.0	40.9	9.43	9.37	8.84
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	477.90	457.68	412.44	45.0	43.3	42.0	10.62	10.57	9.82
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	378.36	375.42	368.76	41.9	41.9	43.9	9.03	8.96	8.40
MINING	355.28	359.20	294.74	46.2	45.7	40.1	7.69	7.86	7.35
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	452.17	461.73	422.65	40.3	41.3	41.1	11.22	11.18	10.77
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	196.68	193.05	192.66	33.0	32.5	33.8	5.96	5.94	5.70
Wholesale Trade	301.39	298.98	284.72	39.5	39.6	39.6	7.63	7.55	7.19
Retail Trade	169.65	164.63	168.41	31.3	30.6	32.2	5.42	5.38	5.23
General Merchandise Stores	160.79	146.16	165.47	31.1	29.0	33.7	5.17	5.04	4.91
Variety Stores	121.98	116.91	121.51	31.6	29.9	33.2	3.86	3.91	3.66
Food Stores	202.90	199.47	193.97	34.1	33.3	33.5	5.95	5.99	5.79
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	136.05	133.29	120.28	30.1	30.5	28.3	4.52	4.37	4.25
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	193.61	193.25	172.69	36.6	36.6	35.1	5.29	5.28	4.92

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